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- The LES Werk (formerly Neyer & Weichelt) is to be changed over entirely to armament manufacture in the course of the next three months. Heretofore about half of the production has been for civilian demand. Director Oppermann was called to Berlin toward the end of March 1954, to the Ministry of Heavy Machine Construction, and was informed of the new plans. Since then a beginning of the conversion has been made. Director Oppermann meanwhile has fled to West Berlin.
- The report is that production will be concentrated on parts for guns. Parts for tanks already have been manufactured for a long time.
- About nine thousand 55 mm. shells were produced in March 1954; also 12,000 track 3. shoes for caterpillar vehicles.

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